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PRESIDENT SHOT DEAD

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President Kennedy in motorcade moving toward downtown Dallas just before he was shot.

Cut Down By Sniper In Dallas

EXTRA

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DALLAS, Nov. 22. — President Kennedy was assassinated today in a burst of gunfire in downtown Dallas, Texas Gov. John Connally was shot down with him.

The President, cradled in his wife's arms, had been rushed in his blood-spattered limousine to Parkland Hospital and taken to an emergency room. An urgent call went out for neurosurgeons and blood.

The President, 44 years old, was shot once in the head. Connally was hit in the head and wrist.

Police found a foreign-make rifle. Sheriff's officers were questioning a young man picked up at the scene.

The President was conscious as he arrived at the hospital. A Father Huber from Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church was called and administered the last rights of the church.

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who now becomes President of the United States, was in a car behind the Kennedys and Connallys.

He was to be sworn into office as soon as possible.

He rushed to the hospital and was whisked away by Secret Servicemen. His whereabout were being kept secret.

Mrs. Kennedy was still at the hospital.

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Stunned City Find News 'Unbelievable'

From one end of the city to the other, in midtown where prominent businessmen gathered on the streets in silence, and in the homes of the humble, news of President Kennedy's shooting was heard in stunned disbelief. Then the shock wore off and in its place welled up feelings of grief and disgust for the act.

In Foley Square, where courts and administrative buildings ring an open park, judges, lawyers and court attaches gathered in little bunches, all of them shocked and sad.

Over radio and television into the rooms of hundreds of patients in the city's hospitals, the news from Dallas came like surgical shock. Doctors and nurses hurried to many a bedside to administer sedatives.

In crowded restaurants the news broke in upon animated chatter and stilled all conversation. Gloom fell on the tables and the meals were left uneaten or finished in silence.

Is It True?

In posh bars on the middle East Side and in saloons along the waterfront men put their glasses down and asked each other:

"Is it true?"

Most of them walked out in to the streets, leaving their drinks behind, and stood in little groups.

"It can't be true," said one man. "It's a joke."

And everywhere were heard such words as:

"Terrible. Shocking. Unbelievable."

Girl's Fainted

At the Democratic State Committee headquarters in the Commodore Hotel girls fainted at their typewriters. Office workers rushed to their aid and the hotel physician was summoned to give them sedatives.

Americo Parsechino, 34, an insurance man, was in his office on Vesey St., when he heard the news.

"It gave me a terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach."

Abraham Mirsky, 43, runs a trucking firm on Greenwich St. He looked out of the door and said to people hurrying by:

"I feel like crying."

What's Going to Happen?

A Bronx woman, Miss Rose Del Franco, answered the telephone, heard the news and cried:

"What's going to happen to the country?"

Out at Idlewild Airport pilots, passengers and attendants gathered around pocket radios, their faces drawn and ashen.

As the words of the broadcasters came from the loudspeakers they muttered "My God," and "Heavens."

In Rockefeller Plaza, in front of the Associated Press Building, hundreds gathered to read or listen to others who could read the news on the teletypewriter in the window.

Across the street others who had not heard the news went on gaily skating on the skating rink. Then the news reached them too and they left the ice, removed their skates and made the way to the street.

On a downtown street John Sedonik of Summit, N. J., shook his head.

"I never imagined that it would happen in this country."

In Bay Ridge a section of homes with thousands of residents of Scandinavian ancestry, the church bells tolled in

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Exchanges Close On Bad News

Securities and commodity exchanges closed down swiftly today on news of the President's assassination.

Price movements in any given market were purely happenstance since the word of the shooting brought chaos in all the trading marts.